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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR WILLIS' PROPOSED VISIT

FOR LEADER, NEA/INS FROM AMBASSADOR

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE VIA TELEPHONE TO AMBASSADOR FRANCES WILLIS, 503 WEST HIGHLAND AVENUE, REDLANDS, CALIFORNIA: QTE I WAS DELIGHTED TO RECEIVE YOUR LETTER YESTERDAY AND TO LEARN OF YOUR PLAN TO VISIT SRI LANKA WHERE YOU ARE STILL VERY FONDLY REMEMBERED. HOWEVER, I REGRET THAT ELIZA AND I WILL NOT BE HERE IN DECEMBER BECAUSE WE WILL BE AWAY ON HOME LEAVE UNTIL JANUARY 18. SINCE WE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO SEE YOU, WOULD IT BE AT ALL CONVENIENT FOR YOU TO ADJUST YOUR SCHEDULE TO ARRIVE IN SRI LANKA SOME TIME DURING LAST WEEK IN JANUARY? WE, OF COURSE, WOULD HOPE TO HAVE YOU STAY WITH US IN YOUR FORMER HOME AND WE WOULD INSURE THAT YOU HAVE OPPORTUNITY BOTH TO RELAX AND TO MEET OLD FRIENDS.

2. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ADJUST YOUR ITINERARY, YOU ARE EQUALLY WELCOME IN DECEMBER. MY DEPUTY, MISS PATRICIA BYRNE, WHO WILL BE CHARGE AT THE TIME, WILL PROVIDE ANY HELP YOU NEED AND WE HOPE YOU WOULD PLAN TO STAY AT RESIDENCE OR AT PAT BYRNE'S UNLESS YOU PREFER TO MAKE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS.

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3. SINCE MY REPLY TO YOUR LETTER WOULD PROBABLY

NOT REACH REDLANDS BEFORE YOU DEPART NOVEMBER 10,  
I AM ASKING SRI LANKA COUNTRY OFFICER JAMES LEADER  
TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU AND TO PASS ON TO ME  
YOUR PREFERENCES WITH REGARD TO TIMING OF YOUR  
VISIT. LET ME EMPHASIZE AGAIN THAT WE WARMLY  
WELCOME YOU AT WHATEVER TIME YOU CHOOSE. I CAN  
ASSURE YOU THAT THIS COUNTRY, UNDER ITS NEW  
NAME, IS JUST AS PLEASANT AS THE CEYLON YOU USED  
TO KNOW. BEST REGARDS. END QTE.

4. FYI: IF POSSIBLE, WOULD HOPE YOU COULD LET  
ME HAVE SOME IDEA OF AMB. WILLIS'S TENTATIVE  
PLANS BEFORE WE LEAVE HERE NOVEMBER 11.  
END FYI.  
VAN HOLLEN

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